

Frequently Asked Questions

Framework Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Region

What is contained Framework Amendment 1?

Framework Amendment 1 contains actions to increase in catch limits for Spanish mackerel in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic.

Why are the catch limits being increased?

Recent population assessments for Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico migratory group Spanish mackerel indicate the fish population is healthy.

What are the revised catch limits?

The catch limit (commercial and recreational combined) for the Gulf of Mexico migratory group of Spanish mackerel increases from 5.15 million pounds (mp) to 12.7 mp in 2014-2015, and then decreases to 11.8 mp in 2015-2016, and 11.3 mp in 2016-2017.

The catch limit for South Atlantic Spanish mackerel increases from 5.69 mp to 6.063 mp; with 3.330 mp (55%) allocated to the commercial sector and 2.727 mp (45%) allocated to the recreational sector.

When will the revised catch limits be effective?

The new catch limits will be effective on December 22, 2014.

Where can I get more information on Framework Amendment 1?

Framework Amendment 1 may be obtained from the NOAA Fisheries Web site http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/gulf_sa/cmp/2014/framework_am1/index.html and at the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Web site at <http://www.safmc.net>.

Where can I find more information on management of the coastal migratory pelagics fishery?

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